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25. (Amended) The multi-recording element magnetic tape head assembly of Claim 6, wherein the plurality of gluing vias are interspersed amongst at least a portion of the plurality of recording [tracks] elements.

26. (Amended) The multi-recording element magnetic head assembly of Claim 25, wherein at least a portion of the plurality of gluing vias are located between two adjacent recording [tracks] elements.

27. (Amended) A multi-recording element magnetic head assembly, comprising:  
at least one recording [track] element;  
a core;  
a plurality of gluing vias located on each of at least two sides of the at least one recording [track] element; and  
an adhesive inserted into said core and said plurality of gluing vias.

28. (Amended) The multi-recording element magnetic head assembly of Claim 27, wherein said plurality of gluing vias are in contact with, and extend from, said core.

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**REMARKS**

In an Office Action dated March 23, 2000, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, and 19-28. Reconsideration is respectfully requested based on the following.

**Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that Claims 1, 6 and 19 fail to clearly indicate how many individual heads are involved, and where the gluing vias are located relative to the head(s). Applicants have amended the claims in an attempt to overcome the Examiner's concerns. Entry of such amendment is requested, as this amendment places this case in condition for allowance or better form for appeal, and would not result in additional searching or consideration as the amendment merely goes to clarification.

**Claim Rejection - Double Patenting**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, and 19-28 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-10 of U.S. patent 5,943,196 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome such rejection.

**Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. 102(b)**

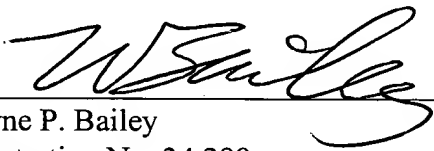
The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, and 19-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsutaki (U.S. patent 5,022,140). Applicants traverse as follows.

The cited reference does not teach or suggest a multi-recording element or multi-track head assembly, and hence the cited reference does not anticipate the claimed invention.

**CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant has overcome all basis in the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, and 19-28. Accordingly, Applicant requests (1) that this amendment after final be entered, (2) that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn, (3) that all pending claims be allowed, and (4) that this case pass to issue. Should a phone conference be deemed by the Examiner to help expedite issuance of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed phone number.

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